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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.ni.us

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR SERVICE WATER AND WASTEWATER

ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHARGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE

DOCKET NO. WR03110900
OAL DOCKET NO. PUCRS 10159-2003S

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On November 5, 2003, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, 48:2-21.1, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Middlesex Water Company (Company), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving water customers within certain portions of South Plainfield, Metuchen, Carteret, Woodbridge, Edison, South Amboy and portions of Clark; on a contractual basis to the Township of Edison, the Boroughs of Highland Park and Sayreville; the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority and the Marlboro Township Municipal Utilities Authority; and, on a special contract basis for water treatment and pumping services to the Township of East Brunswick, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of its rates proposed to become effective on December 15, 2003.

On December 3, 2003, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing. On December 10, 2003, the Board suspended these rates until April 15, 2004, pending a determination on the hearing on the justness and reasonableness of the Company's rates.

In light of the fact that this proceeding is pending before the Office of Administrative Law, the Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u>, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, that the proposed revisions be and are hereby further suspended until August 15, 2004, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition.

DATED: 4/14/04		BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:
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ATTEST: (SIGNED) KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY		

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